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Map and Features Guide

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Welcome to the British Columbia Parkway

We hope you'll enjoy your time spent exploring this linear park which extends from the EXPO 86 site on False Creek in the heart of downtown Vancouver, to the Westminster Quay waterfront promenade and the New Westminster SkyTrain Station.

The Parkway follows the route of our new rapid transit line, SkyTrain. This innovative concept in urban corridor land use is an example of a community working together – corporations, cultural and community groups and private citizens as well as federal, provincial and municipal governments.

We hope you and your family enjoy the B.C. Parkway, its bicycle trail and jogging path, its special feature areas and the 32 connecting municipal parks.

The 7-Eleven Bicycle Trail

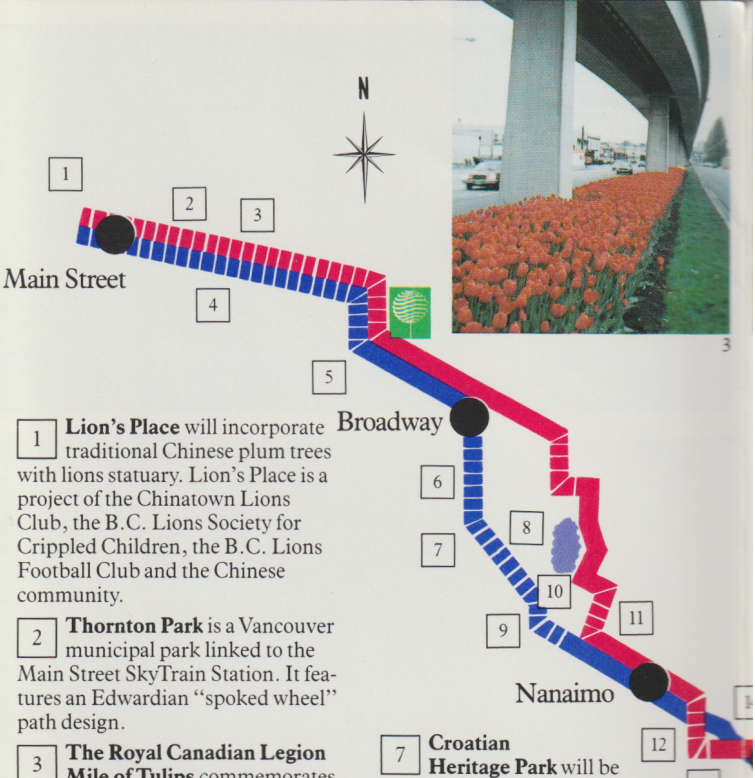
Made possible with the generous support of the 7-Eleven Food Stores of British Columbia, this 3-metre wide asphalt path, combined with specially-marked on-street sections, runs the length of the B.C. Parkway. Designed for family and recreational use, the 7-Eleven Bicycle Trail crosses streets at existing intersections for maximum safety. All intersections are marked by bollards (cylindrical, striped poles), interlocking paving and signs. Many other information and safety signs have been placed along the bicycle trail.

The John Molson Way

This 1.5 metre wide jogging path has a crushed limestone surface for the comfort and safety of runners. A gift of Molson Brewery B.C. Ltd. as part of its 200th Anniversary celebration, The John Molson Way is intended for family and recreational use. The jogging path is well-marked with identification/safety and information signs. Intersections are clearly marked with bollards (the cylindrical, striped posts) and interlocking paving where the jogging path crosses existing streets.

Treemendous

Initiated by radio station CKNW and The Province newspaper, the Treemendous program was made possible by the generosity of individuals and groups who sponsored the 1,500 trees which provide the leafy backdrop of the Parkway. Specially-coded tags identify the trees to their sponsors.



1 **Lion's Place** will incorporate traditional Chinese plum trees with lions statuary. Lion's Place is a project of the Chinatown Lions Club, the B.C. Lions Society for Crippled Children, the B.C. Lions Football Club and the Chinese community.

2 **Thornton Park** is a Vancouver municipal park linked to the Main Street SkyTrain Station. It features an Edwardian "spoked wheel" path design.

3 **The Royal Canadian Legion Mile of Tulips** commemorates the founding of the Royal Canadian Legion 60 years ago. A project of the Vancouver Zones of the Royal Canadian Legion, the 10,000 red tulips create a spectacular display down the centre median of Terminal Avenue every spring.

4 **The International Mile of Flags** is located on Terminal Avenue, the gateway to EXPO 86. The International Mile of Flags is a project of individuals, cultural and community groups and corporations. Designed as a graphic and colourful celebration of the diversity of our "global village," the goal is to have over 150 flags, representing all the countries with which Canada enjoys formal diplomatic relations. Currently flying are 75 national flags based on the United Nations roster order. Also flying are the 10 provincial standards and the flags of the 2 territories. Plaques at eye level identify the country of origin and the donor individual or group.

5 **Builders Plaza,** at the corner of Clarke Drive and the Grandview Highway, will be dedicated to the people who built the B.C. Parkway and donors in this category who made special contributions.

6 **The Italian Piazza,** sponsored by Vancouver's Italian community, will feature a 60 ft. neo-classical column.

7 **Croatian Heritage Park** will be located at the Croatian Cultural Centre. Sponsored by the Croatian Community, it will feature a display of native plants and wild flowers representing the 7 climatic zones of Croatia.

8 **John Hendry Park** is a Vancouver municipal park enclosing Trout Lake and crossed by the bicycle path. This lovely park honours John Hendry, a pioneer lumberman, who in the 19th century operated a sawmill here.

9 **Royal Canadian Legion Plaza** is an ideal rest spot on your walk. This small plaza overlooking John Hendry Park is sponsored by the New Chelsea Society, senior citizens' housing branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

10 **The Austrian Plaza** will be a garden plaza overlooking Trout Lake. Its benches will display the crests of the Austrian provinces. A feature wall will acknowledge the accomplishments of famous Austrians.

11 **Filipino Plaza** was built by subscriptions from the community. The 2,000 bricks that form the planters around the square bear the names of the donors. The archway into the plaza depicts the "Sarimanok," a traditional national symbol of this beautiful Pacific country.

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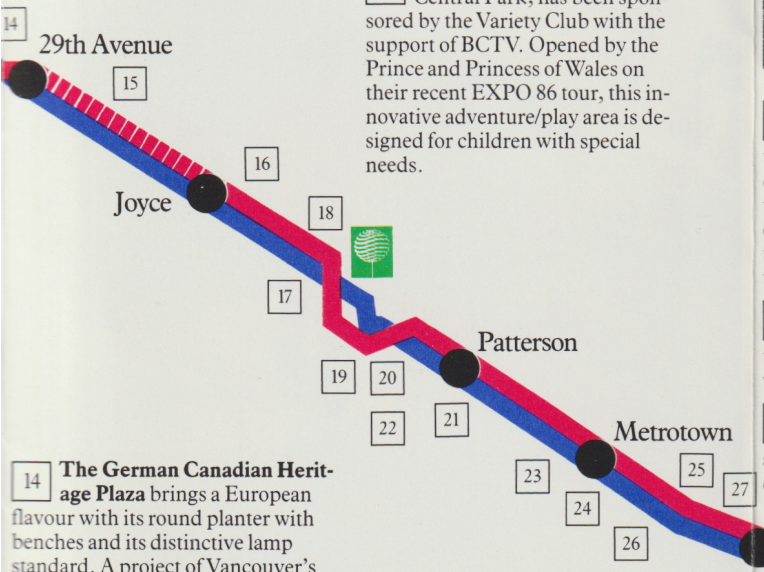
12 **Penticton Children's Place** is a children's play and activity area themed around transportation. It is sponsored by the Urban Transportation Development Corporation, the Ontario-based designer and builder of the SkyTrain system.

13 **Slocan Park** is a smaller community park named after Slocan, a town in the West Kootenays.

17 **The Westcoast Transmission Plaza** is sponsored by the company of the same name. It's a 2 level park with benches. It features 3 flagpoles flying the Canada, British Columbia and City of Vancouver flags.

18 **The B.C. Tel Section** has been designed for the recreational use of B.C. Tel employees as well as the general public.

19 **Variety Park,** located in Central Park, has been sponsored by the Variety Club with the support of BCTV. Opened by the Prince and Princess of Wales on their recent EXPO 86 tour, this innovative adventure/play area is designed for children with special needs.



14 **The German Canadian Heritage Plaza** brings a European flavour with its round planter with benches and its distinctive lamp standard. A project of Vancouver's German community, this attractive rest area is across from the 29th Avenue SkyTrain Station.

15 **The Scented Garden** has been especially designed for the year-round pleasure of the visually impaired. This terraced garden, a gift from an anonymous donor, features flowers, plants and shrubs chosen for their distinctive scents and textures.

16 **The Greek Fitness Stations** will be built around the Olympic theme with 5 rings, each containing one piece of exercise equipment. They are a project of the Greek Community.

20 **The Rhododendron Garden** is a spectacular display of these beautiful and varied bushes, the floral symbol of Burnaby, donated by the Rhododendron Society of British Columbia.

21 **The Dutch Mile** is a massive, multi-seasonal floral display. Over 100,000 spring bulbs have been planted together with other seasonal plantings to provide a colourful exhibit throughout the year.

22 **Central Park** in Burnaby is one of the largest municipal parks in the Lower Mainland.

23 **The BCIT Intersection** showcases the talents of the Institution's Landscape Horticulture students. A design competition held by the class of '85 yielded this winning design. The class then donated its time and labour to build this attractive display.

24 **The Sears Garden** is a quiet park with benches connected to the Metrotown SkyTrain Station via brick walkways.

25 **Bonsor Park** in Burnaby was named for a Royal Engineer and early area pioneer. The park was dedicated to his memory in 1916.

26 **The Garden of the Province** will be a horticultural celebration of B.C.'s communities. Many towns and municipalities will plant trees and shrubs representative of their area of the province. The garden will also feature a small dogwood grove, British Columbia's official flower.

27 **The Japanese Garden** will be an accurate representation of a typical Japanese contemplative garden.

28 **Ron McLean Park,** a Burnaby municipal park, honours an outstanding member of the South Burnaby Men's Club, a service group dedicated to the building and conservation of the area's parks.

29 **The Polish Garden,** to be completed in the near future, will be a lasting symbol of Polish-Canadian friendship.

30 **The Portuguese Plaza,** at the 22nd Street SkyTrain Station, will feature an intricately paved plaza and wrought iron lamps typical of the town squares seen throughout Portugal. It is sponsored by the Portuguese community and the government of Portugal.

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31 **The New Westminster Gyro Club Floral Display** is in Grimston Park. The Gyro Club is a men's service club dedicated to supporting worthwhile projects in the community.

32 **Grimston Park** is a municipal park in New Westminster.

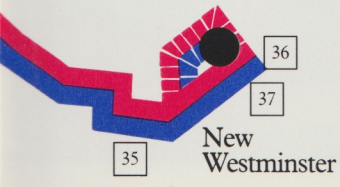
33 **The Scott Paper Section,** running adjacent to its grounds, will have a seating area and drinking fountain. It has been developed for the enjoyment of both employees and the general public.

34 **The B.C. Bearing Plaza** features a unique piece of industrial sculpture, a giant 12 foot working bearing.

35 **The Quayside Children's Place,** integrated into this retail and commercial complex, will have a children's adventure playground built around the transportation theme.

36 **Westminster Quay,** a multi-use residential and retail complex complete with public market, has a waterfront promenade providing the continuation of the bicycle trail and jogging path at the edge of the Fraser River.

37 **Hyack Square,** the site of the Hyack Festival Anvil Battery, is linked to the Parkway and is located at the foot of 8th Street.



Legend

The 7-Eleven Bicycle Trail on street

The John Molson Way on street

Treemendous Marker

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SkyTrain Stations

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B.C. Parkway reflects the community spirit and dedication of hundreds of donors, workers and organizations. We are all proud of this unique recreational facility, so we ask that you help keep it beautiful. Call 264-PARK anytime to report vandalism.

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